

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

U.S. Application No. 09/763,409

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REMARKS

Upon entry of the Amendment, claim 28 is canceled. Therefore, claims 10-27 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowability for claims 10-27.

Allowable Claims

Applicants appreciate that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 10-27 are allowed. Applicants appreciate that the Examiner has withdrawn the restriction requirement, thereby rejoining and fully examining Claims 26-27 drawn to a process of making the allowed product.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as assertedly being anticipated by Parish et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,075,036) and as evidenced by the entry of “carbon black” in the Encyclopedia Britannica for the reasons given in the Office Action.

Claim 28 is canceled. Therefore, this rejection is moot.

Conclusion

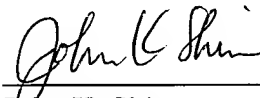
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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